LEYS NEWS

This newsletter is produced quarterly by an editorial committee of residents and local workers.
It is distributed to all households in the new part of Blackbird Leys.
All contributions welcome. Deadline: 28th August 1997

Leighton Peck Memorial Charity Day

held at
385 Pegasus Court,
Blackbird Leys, Oxford
on Saturday 26th July 1997
(10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.)
TABLE TOP SALE Plus REFRESHMENTS
Raffle will be held
Lots of prizes
Special guest to draw the raffle
come along and have a good day
Raffle tickets will be sold starting from the 23rd of June at the above address

Office Hours:

Monday	**10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m.**
Tuesday	**10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m.**
Thursday	**10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m.**
Friday	**09.30 a.m. till 1.00 p.m.**

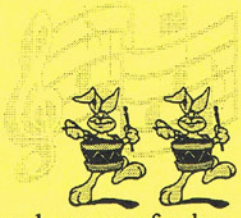
Please come along and support this good cause. All money made will go to HEPAC (Hugh Ellis Paediatric Assessment Centre) for children who suffered the same illness as Leighton (who sadly passed away on the 4th May this year).

Summer Project for Young People

The Blackbird Leys Community Development Initiative, the Youth Service and Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground are working together to organise a three week summer project for young people. The project will run **from Monday 4th August to Friday 22nd August**. The Project will be based at the Adventure Playground and the Youth Centre in Blackbird Leys Road.

Activities being organised and fund-raised for include:

- Street Art Project
- Music Project
- Photography Project
- Fashion Project
- Theatre and Dance Project
- Trips and Outings



Project Leaders, local volunteers and a group of volunteers from International Voluntary Service, will staff the Projects.

A small charge will be made for participating in some of the projects, but it is hoped that most of them will be free of charge. Charges will be made for trips and outings.

Full details will be widely publicised when confirmed. If you want to know more, contact either Mark Bradley at the Blackbird Leys Youth Centre on ☎ 772886 or Pauline Thomas at the Adventure Playground on ☎ 747704.

Summer Playscheme

For ages:

3 - 5's	**10 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.**
5 - 12's	**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Monday 28th July until Friday 22nd August

... at The Dovecote **Fee £2.50 per day**

Activities:

swimming, ice skating, sport, art & craft

Trips:

3 - 5's	**Child Beale**
5 - 12's	**Drayton Manor**

Bus fare to be provided and a packed lunch each day.
For more information, phone Carol on ☎ 712299.

THE FARMHOUSE

Oxford Citizens Moves To The Farmhouse

Cheryl Lipwick, Linda Gwynn and ***Sophie Prew*** moved to the Farmhouse on Monday 7th July 1997. Their phone number is Oxford 714509.

FARMHOUSE OPENING HOURS

The Farmhouse is open
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
and from 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday to Friday
but
Ealing Family Housing Association **staff will not be available after 12 noon on the first Wednesday of each month,**
Oxford Citizens Housing Association **staff will not be available Wednesday mornings until 2 p.m.**

(this is to allow for staff training + team meetings)

If you want to see your Housing Officer, where ever possible, PLEASE make an appointment during the Surgery times listed below.

HOUSING SURGERIES

Ealing Family Housing Association + Northcote:
Elaine Partridge and Rhiannon Jones (job shared),
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oxford Citizens Housing Association:
Linda Gwynn
Mon. & Thur 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Cheryl Lipwick
Tues 2 - 4.30 p.m.
Fri 9.30 a.m. - 12. noon

Cherwell Housing Trust:
Miranda Clarke
Tenants will be advised of surgery times.

BULKY RUBBISH

If you want to get rid of any old furniture or an old fridge or freezer then contact Oxford City Council on ☎ (01865) 725912. They will take away three items of household furniture within five days or they will take away a fridge or freezer within ten days.
- Please DO NOT dump on the estate -

THE DOVECOTE

Weekly Activities ...

Monday:

After Schools Club
3.15 - 4.45 p.m. age 5 - 12 50p / session

Wednesday:

New Ol' Leys Lunchtime Club
12 - 2 p.m. all ages welcome

also: Credit Union Collection

Thursday:

Carer and Toddler Group
10 - 11.30 a.m. all welcome 50p / session
After Schools Club
3.15 - 4.45 p.m. age 5 - 12 50p / session

BARN EVENTS

➲ Self Defence Warriors
Freestyle Karate Club (all ages)
Fri. 6-8 p.m.

➲ Karate Club
age 5-12
Tues. 5-6 p.m. £2/session
Sat 10-11 am £2/session

Ken Cook and David Bird,
Community Caretakers

Councillors Surgeries

These will be starting on FRIDAY 25th JULY 1997, 2 - 3 p.m. in The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue. (they will then be monthly on the last Friday in each month)
If you want to contact your local councillors, their numbers are:

- **Cllr Dr. David Elwell 724685**
- **Cllr Val Smith 772893**
- **Cllr Tony Stockford 779795**

FARMSTEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

This Committee continues to meet to help with the running of The Barn (and The Dovecote). We are discussing what new groups and activities could be encouraged to come to The Barn. Any offers of help or ideas would be very welcome.
Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, 6.30 - 8 p.m. in The Farmhouse.
Free crèche also in The Dovecote
For more information contact Nathan Knight (Chairperson) on ☎ 395187

VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS

The Dovecote desperately needs volunteers to join its Committee. The Committee helps run the After School Club and Playschemes for our children. Without a Committee, these facilities cannot run. Joining the Committee will be a great benefit to you and your children. We offer training and on going support.
Being involved in the Committee will only take up a small portion of your time. ***Please join.***
For further information, call Carol on ☎ 712299.

JOB - JOB - JOB

BLACKBIRD LEYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
(Registered Charity no. 1049534)

LEYS NEWS PROJECT WORKER

£8.00 per hour
(130 hours per quarter working flexibly)

A nine month part-time post, starting in October 1997, to pilot the production of three issues of a quarterly newsletter for Blackbird Leys and to work with the Oxfordshire Co-operative Development Agency on a feasibility study for setting up the newsletter as a self-financing community business.
For further details and application form, write enclosing SAE (26p) to: **The Secretary, BBLCDI, c/o Bancroft, Rectory Lane, BICESTER, OX6 9DX.**
Closing date for return of application forms: first post **Friday 1st August.**

LEYS NEWS GOING GLOBAL - Update

We are getting nearer to being able to deliver the newsletter to the whole of Blackbird Leys. We still need to raise a bit more money to be sure we can do it. We also need VOLUNTEERS. Would YOU like to get involved.
If you are interested contact Joanne Smith on ☎ 772822 or Wendy Spray on ☎ 712244.

Community Development Initiative's Youth Project

Following the successful bid to the National Lottery Charity Board, the Community Development Initiative (CDI) has appointed Sebastian Johnson as Youth Project Manager. Sebastian will be working in partnership with a number of organisations to develop new resources and activities for young people living in Blackbird Leys. He is currently negotiating with the City Council for the CDI to take on a long term lease of the Youth Centre in Blackbird Leys Road and hopes to be able to fund-raise for the building to be significantly improved.

A Perceptions Study

Over the next few months, Sebastian will be undertaking a perceptions study to find out from all parts of the community what people think the Youth Centre should be providing for young people.
If you want to know more about the CDI's Youth Project and the perceptions study, or feel that you could help in carrying out the study, then please contact Sebastian at the Youth Centre on ☎ Oxford 396490.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (A.S.C.) WORKERS

- ***Are you a qualified A.S.C. carer?***

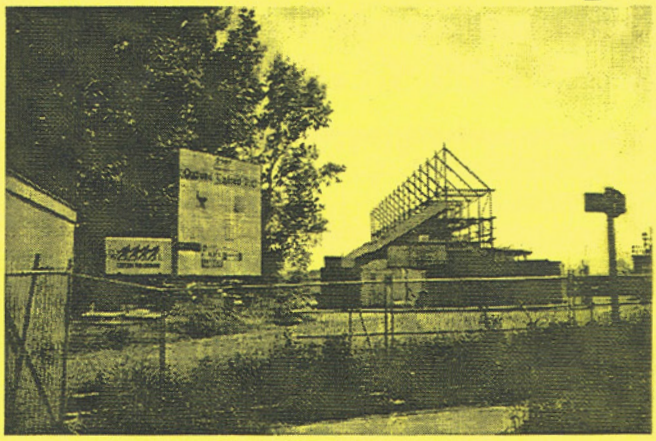
The Dovecote Centre runs an After School Club on a Monday and Thursday. We are hoping to expand to cater for the new estate. We are looking for qualified A.S.C. carers to join us for occasional sessions.

- ***Would you like to train as a A.S.C. Carer?***

The Centre can assist with training opportunities run by the local authorities. This is a very fun and rewarding career. Once qualified, we can help you with employment opportunities.
If you are interested please contact Carol on ☎ Oxford 712299.

OXFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB PARKING AND ACCESS STUDY

Over the course of the last six months you will have noticed that work on the new stadium has gradually come to a stop. The Secretary of Oxford United Football Club has stated that the Club is engaged in negotiations and that it is hoped that a start will be made again in the near future. The Club is looking to the first match taking place at the new ground during the next season.



Planning permission was given in August last year on condition that the Club entered into a legal agreement which covers a wide range of matters including measures to deal with the access and parking issues. The two Councils concerned (Oxford City as the planning authority and Oxfordshire County as the highway authority) now want to firm up on the precise detail of these measures in advance of the opening. Oxfordshire County Council has therefore appointed specialist traffic engineers to produce schemes for public consultation.

Before planning permission was given, the key measures needed were identified as:

- The provision of car parks and access roads.
- Special route signing scheme.
- Traffic control at key junctions.
- Parking or access controls possibly including a resident parking permit scheme for streets within easy walking distance.
- Public transport facilities including special buses and/or extensions to the existing bus services at match times.

The planning permission is for a stadium for "football or other recreational team sport" with a limited capacity of 15,000 and a 1950 space free car park. The stadium buildings can only be used for "changing rooms, offices and other facilities ancillary to the Stadium; restaurant and supporters' club; and health and fitness club" unless specific planning approval is given for other events and uses.

Knowing the size of the stadium, the frequency of high attendance matches, the way in which fans will travel - coach, bus, train, car, walk and cycle, the routes that they will take and the time that it will take for fans to get away from the ground after matches, the engineers can assess the need for introducing controls on parking in the nearby streets. They will be looking at whether or not a resident permit scheme should be introduced and they will be particularly concerned with the extent of the parking controls - so that fans will not find it easier to park in residential streets and then to walk to the ground than to use the stadium car parks.

They will also be looking at the ways in which traffic to and from the matches can be diverted away from residential streets, and, throughout their work, they will be discussing the details with the Police.

The Councils want to be sure that the public supports the chosen scheme and full public consultation will take place before any restrictions are imposed. To achieve this, the alternatives will be shown in a leaflet which will be circulated to all households in the area during the Summer. ***The leaflet will contain a questionnaire asking for your views.***

There will be exhibitions and public meetings at about the same time.

In the meantime, if you would like more information please contact Peter Wiltshire, one of the engineers, on ☎ 01494 866944.

Home Ownership Opportunities through Northcote

NEW SHARED OWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

Available Now!

Oxford Village, Greater Leys

One, two and three bedroom homes available now from £13,650 for a 25% share.

Show homes available to view Friday to Monday 10 am to 5 pm

For further information contact David Loye on 01865 712244.

Coming Soon!

Ogilvie Road, High Wycombe

Four 2 bedroom and two 3 bedroom houses. Prices to be confirmed.

Gordon Road, High Wycombe

Two newly refurbished 2 bedroom houses. Prices to be confirmed.

Costons Lane, Greenford

Four 2 bedroom and four 3 bedroom houses. Prices to be confirmed.

Greenford Road, Harrow

Fourteen 2 and 3 bedroom houses. Prices to be confirmed.

Brochures are not yet available, but if you would like to receive information on any of these new Northcote developments then please contact us on 0181 621 9894

DO IT YOURSELF SHARED OWNERSHIP

Buying a property through DIYSO couldn't be easier!

With DIYSO you can buy a home of your choice from the open market* and Northcote will purchase the property on your behalf and sell you a share that you can afford.

Ealing Family tenants who live in the London Boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon, Wycombe District Council and Oxford City Council can apply and see if they are eligible.

To find out more about DIYSO and receive an information pack please call Jill Airey on 0181 621 9894.

Part Buy - Part Rent. It makes sense!

.....And all DIYSO purchasers receive £1,000 towards their legal and survey fees PLUS 3 years FREE mortgage and rent protection.

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APPLY NOW - FUNDS LIMITED

**Subject to scheme value limits*

Tenants' Incentive Scheme

If you are an Ealing Family tenant in the London Boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow you could be eligible to receive £16,000 to put towards the purchase of a property in the open market. Tenants in Oxford, Reading, Wycombe and Slough are also invited to apply.

BUT HURRY - FUNDS ARE LIMITED!!

To find out more contact Northcote on 0181 621 9894 and ask for a TIS pack or speak to your Housing Officer.

Pathway Workshop

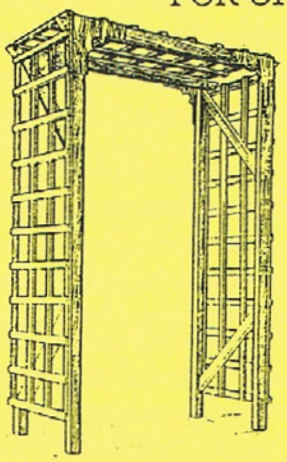
Dunnock Way, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5EX
Telephone: (01865) 714111 Fax: (01865) 715111

products to enhance your garden

Hon President: Andrew Smith MP

10% OFF to end of AUGUST

FREE DELIVERY WITHIN 30 MILE RADIUS OF OXFORD
FOR ORDERS OVER £20



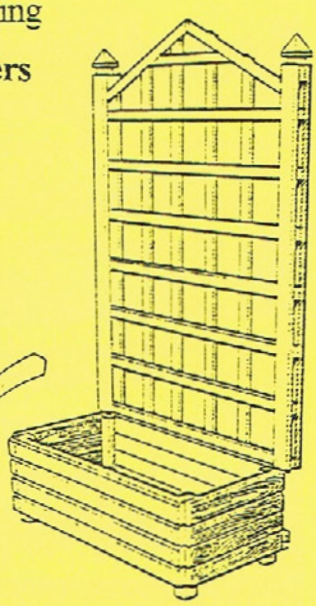
all sizes of trellis arches, picket and trellis fencing, and flexi-roll edging

4ft arch

£57

castle planters from

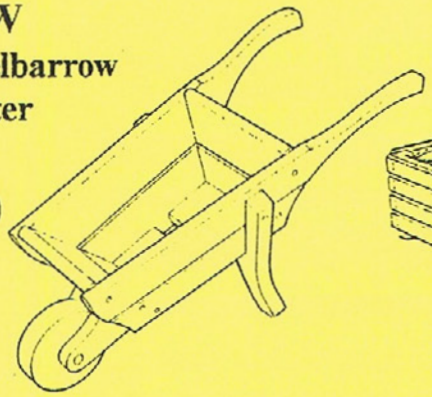
£54

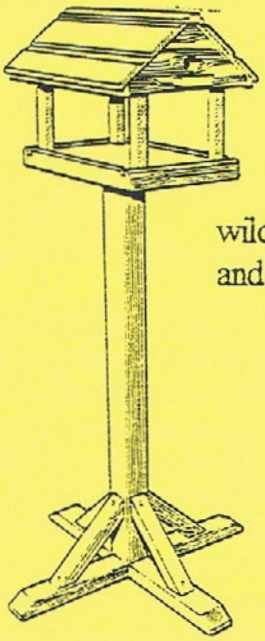


compost bins, tubs and planters

NEW wheelbarrow planter

£20





wildlife bird tables and feeders

bird table

£42

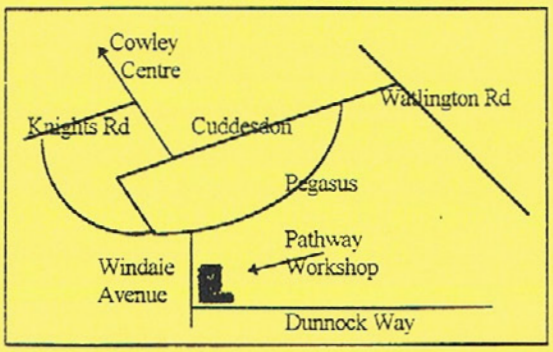
Made on the premises from recycled material.

Also available:

wishing wells	top soil
rockery stone	pea shingle
fence posts	composts

SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOME

City Farm Site, Dunnock Way,
opposite Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre.



BLACKBIRD LEYS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meet on the First Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting are usually held in the Council Housing Office in Cuddesdon Way but are sometimes held in The Barn in Nightingale Avenue.
We currently have some vacancies for co-option to the Parish Council so if you are interested in getting involved with Blackbird Leys as a whole (not just your own patch) and are over 18 years old, please contact me.
Ethnic minority members and younger people are particularly welcome since they are currently underrepresented.

Molly Florey,
Chair of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council
☎ 453742

GARDEN TOOLS HIRE

Now available to all Housing Association tenants / residents at the new part of Blackbird Leys.
For a small daily charge and a returnable deposit, you can now hire the following tools from the caretakers:

Garden Tool	Daily Hire Charge	Returnable Deposit
Mower	£1.00	£25.00
Strimmer	£1.00	£15.00
Circuit Breaker	-	-
Extension Lead	-	-
Fork	£0.20	£2.00
Spade	£0.20	£2.00
Fork & Trowel	£0.20	£2.00
Secateurs	£0.20	£2.00

Tools may only be hired by those aged 18 and over (proof of residence will be required, e.g. rent book / tenancy agreement etc).
For details contact Ken or Dave at The Farmstead on 712244.

WILLMOTT DIXON

Willmott Dixon Housing Limited, main contractor at Fry's Hill is pleased to support **The Leys News.**

Willmott Dixon Housing
Site Office
Off Grenoble Road
Fry's Hill
Oxford

CHARTERED BUILDING COMPANY

DOG FOULING

You are no doubt aware that there is a dog fouling problem in the City. Dog fouling of public areas is unpleasant and unsightly and the faeces of unwormed dogs may be infected with the Toxicara Cania worm which, in isolated cases, can result in blindness in small children.

The Dog Warden Service is encouraged by the fact that many dog owners act responsibly and more owners are realising that it is socially unacceptable not to clean up after their dog and are carrying the means to do so (handy sized plastic bags, preferably without holes or 'Poop Scoops'). Once bagged, the dog mess can be disposed of either in 'Poop Scoop' bins, (in many of Oxford parks) or in any public litter bin. We are currently placing 'Bag it and Bin it' signs in badly fouled areas to alert people of the problem.

However, there are still those who habitually allow their dogs to foul in public places to the inconvenience of residents. You could politely ask offending owners to clear up after their dog, alternatively, the Dog Warden Service will be pleased to help. To assist us in monitoring the situation, please advise us of the time and place of fouling by any habitual offenders (your confidentiality will be respected). Our Dog Warden Service will then be able to advise offending owners of the correct procedures.

A new law has been passed which requires all dog owners to clean up after their dogs, and the City Council is currently deciding how the new powers will be used.

If you feel that your area is particularly badly fouled please ring (01865) 252914 and we will arrange a clean up for you.

Jenny Bromley
Dog Warden Team Leader

Oxford City Dog Warden Services
(01865) 252914 - Office Hours
(01865) 240924 - Out Of Hours

- Contact us if you have lost or found a dog.
- To avoid payment of a fee, make sure you keep your dog under control at all times.

Some form of identity attached to your dog's collar will speed up its return to you and in the first instance, provided we can contact you, could avoid you having to pay a fee for its return

Remember that you will need permission from your landlord to keep a pet.

GRASS CUTTING AND UPKEEP OF PLANT BEDS

There have been contractual difficulties over the cutting of grass and upkeep of plant beds on the communal areas of the estate. As a result both have suffered. The Housing Associations are determined to resolve this. By the time you receive this newsletter, you should see work already done or being done to cut the grass and weed the plant beds. We are sorry that the estate has not looked as good as it should over the last few weeks.

David Truesdale, Area Housing Manager

Rainbow Playgroup

Jubilee 77 Community Centre,
Sorrel Road, Blackbird Leys

As from September 1997, we will be running the following sessions for families with children aged birth - 4 years:

Rainbow Playgroup

commencing Wednesday 3rd September

Playgroup for children aged 2 ½ - 4 years, 5 mornings per week, 9.15 - 11.45 a.m., £1.75 per session. 24 places available per day. Names taken on waiting list at 1 year.

Rainbow Rising Three's

commencing Monday 8th September

A small preschool group especially for 2 ½ years old - offering an opportunity for them to get used to attending a playgroup. Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in the Small Play Room. £1.60 per session. 8 places available per day. Names taken on the waiting list at 1 year.

For both of the above groups, experienced and qualified staff will be available to provide plenty of opportunities for children to play and learn.

Rainbow Toddler group

commencing Thursday 11th September

Thursday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. 50p entrance fee. All welcome. Volunteer run - so if you are interested in helping, please give us a ring!

For further information on any of the above groups please contact Michele Mackay, Supervisor on ☎(01865) 717758 mornings.

Worker's Educational Association

Margaret Sanders Branch
Providing opportunities for women

FREE sessions (with free crèche) coming up soon in your neighbourhood:

Parents! Worried about drugs?---------- Starts in August
Basic First Aid (Red Cross Certificate) ---------- Starts in September
Kids! Don't They Drive You Crazy Sometimes? Starts in September
What now? Opportunities for women ---------- Starts in October

Plus lots of other events, courses, meetings etc.

For more information watch out for posters and leaflets, or ring Tobi Mills on 453156 or Annie Winner on 361841.

LEYS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Leys Residents Association try to represent your interests on the new estate. If you would like to come along and make your views count, meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6.30 p.m. at the Farmhouse in Nightingale Avenue. If you would like further information, contact Wendy Spray, the Tenant Participation Worker, on ☎(01865) 712244.
New faces always made welcome.

Debbie McKilveen - Chair
Cathy Foot - Secretary

Sharps Bins in Blackbird Leys?

The local press has recently reported on the possibility of having a sharps bin for 24 hour disposal of used needles and syringes in Blackbird Leys. This may be a good idea, but we need to get the results of a pilot study first and then find out the opinions of local people before placing a bin in the area.

Presently there is a pilot study of two sharps bins going on in other areas of Oxford City. The study ends in November 1997, after which a full evaluation will be carried out. This will include finding out the opinion of local people. If the results indicate that the bins have been well received by users and the public living nearby, we will progress to consulting you in Blackbird Leys about possibly having a sharps bin in your area.

We hope that anybody seeing any needles nad syringes will contact the following numbers to arrange removal:
During Office Hours: Ox. 747390
Out Of Office Hours: Ox. 240924

Bright yellow leaflets 'BE SAFE - DO NOT TOUCH' about dealing with needles safely, are available from local GP surgeries, housing offices and other outlets.

If you would like more information, please contact:
Susanne Ashford,
Oxford City Council,
Health Promotion Officer (HIV Liaison),
☎ Oxford 252373.

... STOP PRESS

Children have been causing thousands of pounds worth of damage by climbing onto and playing on the roof of The Dovecote.

This is also extremely dangerous. Sooner or later, there will be an accident.
Please do not let your child climb onto The Dovecote; if you see children on the roof, please call the duty caretaker on ☎ **0966 489903**.

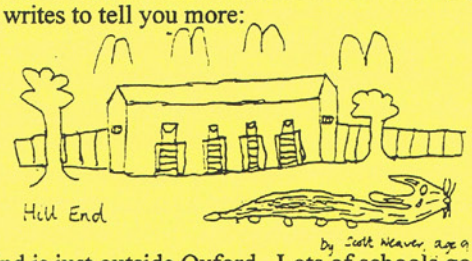
Windale First School (and Nursery)
Windale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, OX4 5JD
Headteacher: Mrs C. Lewin
Tel: Ox. 777796

A newly opened school set in attractive grounds with stunning accommodation. If you live in the vicinity and are looking for an excellent school for 5-9 year olds then why not make an appointment to come and see what we can offer you.

We have an active Friends of Windale group which runs regular events and raises funds for the school. If you would like more information then please contact Mr S. Passey (Deputy) .

NEWS FROM WINDALE FIRST SCHOOL

Summer is always great fun because it means we can all get out and about. The whole school have been taking care of the Spindleberry Nature Reserve and even cleared some of the stream and pond area during National Spring Clean Week during April.
Since then, the nursery have ventured further afield, visiting Wariner Farm. It was a wet dreary weather but it did not dampen the fun and there were lots of farm animals to meet. The infants went to Cogges Farm and enjoyed the historical clothes and traditional kitchen. The oldest children went away for two nights at Hill End; Scott Weaver, a pupil in year 4, writes to tell you more:



"Hill End is just outside Oxford. Lots of schools go and stay there. It is hilly with lots of grass, trees and wild flowers. Because of this it has lots of animals. We saw many rabbits with young babies. From a distance across a field we saw a fox. Around the fields roamed sheep and goats. Some of them have horns. In the pond there were frogs, toads and newts. We heard the birds singing early in the morning."

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN TENANT PARTICIPATION

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in learning more about tenant and resident participation?
Are you interested in gaining a housing qualification?
There is a course at Oxford Brookes University, starting in September for one year if you attend one day per week (2 years if you attend ½ day per week).
No academic qualifications are needed.
The course is practical, skill-based and good fun.
If you are interested, apply to your housing officer or Wendy Spray, tenant participation worker, on ☎ 712244. We will then see if money is available to cover the fees and any other costs (e.g. childcare).

TOUCHWOODS
ALL UNDER ONE ROOF
FRAME TENTS
DOME & RIDGE TENTS
CARAVAN AWNINGS
CAMPING ACCESSORIES
PERMANENT CAMPING DISPLAY
OUTDOOR PURSUITS
CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT
SPORTS GOODS
OWN FREE CAR PARK
TENT BARGAINS

TOUCHWOODS
The Camping, Outdoor Life & Sports Specialists
426 ABINGDON ROAD OXFORD
(01865) 246551

Training Update

Skills Training in Building

The Oxfordshire Co-operative Development Agency (O.C.D.A.) has been running training in a range of building skills at its Training Centre in Blackbird Leys for the past twelve months. Success has been high on its agenda; 100% of those who completed the last course are now in employment.

O.C.D.A. is now recruiting for the next training courses which are due to commence mid August. Trainees can choose to either opt for a ***Wood Occupations course*** or a ***Building Craft Occupations course***. The Wood Occupations course covers basic carpentry and joinery and the Building Craft Occupations course covers a broad range of skills, including basic brickwork and blockwork, plastering, laying paving slabs and painting.

Both courses involve working towards a National Vocational Qualification, giving trainees a chance not only to improve their skills, but also to obtain recognised qualifications. The courses involve training at the O.C.D.A. Training Centre for 16 weeks, Tuesday to Friday inclusive, followed by a two months work placement with a local employer.

Many placements lead to employment but for those that don't, help is available in Job Search techniques.

Free protective clothing and help towards travelling expenses are available. In addition, all trainees who complete the course are given a free set of hand tools to take with them.

If you are unemployed and interested in either of these courses, please ring Gill Baker on 772822 for an informal discussion.

Care Training

The next Care Training course in Oxford, run by Social Services is due to commence mid September. The main change on this course is that it is now available to unemployed people who are aged 16 and over.

The course is part time for 16 weeks and includes NVQ accreditation and work placement. It aims to provide trainees with both practical work experience and group learning to enable them to acquire some of the skills needed to work as Care Assistants with vulnerable adults.

The work experience involves working alongside an experienced Care Assistant in either a residential or community setting. There are opportunities to both observe various care practices and to put into practice skills learned in training sessions.

Anyone interested in the care course should contact Pearl Flanaghan on Oxford 854420.

ABLE Open Learning Centre

The Centre is in the library at Oxford College (Blackbird Leys site).
It is open free of charge to adults (over 16) living in Oxfordshire, and helps students to improve their

- English and study skills
- Maths and
- Basic computer skills

Each student works independently on their own work programme. You can start at any time and come as often as you like.
There is a college nursery on site.

Why not come and see us?
Contact us on Oxford 776334 or drop in to arrange an appointment.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Community Education
LEARNING FOR LIFE

ABLE Open Learning Centre
Oxford College Campus
Blackbird Leys Precinct
OXFORD OX4 5HN

POLICE NUMBERS

BLACKBIRD LEYS / GREATER LEYS COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICERS

PC 4350 STEVE OAKLEY **(01865) 266411**
PC 4491 MARTIN BIDDELL
WPC 1945 AROON TILLER
WPC 77 PAT McGOVERN

(Answer Machine) Messages may not be picked up for 48 hours. For passing information to community beat officers or requests for them to contact you on a non urgent basis.

CUSTOMER SERVICES (01865) 266333

Answered in person 95% of the time. Use this number to report offences which will not benefit from police attendance, e.g. theft of cycles, minor damage etc., with no witnesses.

This department will also take messages.

OXFORD CONTROL ROOM (01865) 266000

(this number will be answered by the switchboard - Please ask for Oxford Control Room)
Answered in person. Use this number to report crime or an incident which has taken place, that requires police attendance, e.g. An Assault or Burglary.

POLICE EMERGENCY 999

THREATS TO LIFE OR CRIME THAT IS TAKING PLACE AS YOU SEE IT, E.G. AN ASSAULT THAT IS TAKING PLACE OR A PERSON CLIMBING THROUGH A HOUSE WINDOW.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Housing Associations: Tel. Fax.

- Cherwell Housing Trust
  Miranda Clarke.....722711 790702

- Ealing Family Housing Association
  Rhiannon Jones & Elaine Partridge 712244 712121

- Oxford Citizens Housing Association
  Linda Gwynn & Cheryl lipwick
  * Blackbird Leys Office (The Farmhouse).....714509 717404
  * Head Office (Barns Road).....773000 773555

- Northcote Housing Association.....712244

Environmental Health Department

- Abandoned vehicles 252818
- Noise 252556
- Syringes / Needles 249811
- Out Of Hours Via Police 266000
- Dog Warden.....252914
  (Out Of Hours) 240924
- Pest Control.....252384

Caretakers

- Ken Cook & Dave Bird.....0966 489903 ..new number
  (both only for extreme emergencies: danger to life or property)

Dovecote

- Carol Baxter 712299

Tenant Participation Worker

- Wendy Spray 712244

Collection of Bulky Rubbish 725912
(free collection)

Local Community Police
please refer to previous page

If you would like to receive a translation of the attached, please contact your Housing Officer.

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NEWSLETTER

This is **YOUR NEWSLETTER, USE IT**.
The Editorial Committee would like more articles and feedback from **YOU**, the residents.

We have started a *Letters Page* in the last issue. Have you got any issues, comments, ideas, concerns?
If so, why not send a letter* to:

The Leys News Editorial Committee,
The Farmhouse,
Nightingale Avenue,
Blackbird Leys,
Oxford,
OX4 5BU

We are very happy to help you - or just write something yourself - or come and join the Editorial Committee.
The deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter will be 19th June for distribution on 17th to 19th July - please come along to the editorial meeting and find out more.

Contact Wendy Spray on ☎ 712244 or Joanne on ☎ 712299.

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